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SUBJ: FDA TRAINING COURSES IN U.S.

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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS. IT IS NOTED THAT TRAINING IS NOT SPECIFIED AS TO FOODS OR DRUGS.

2. FDA HOLDS TRAINING COURSES AS NEEDED FOR ITS INSPECTORS AND FOR INSPECTORS OF THE STATES. COURSES ARE PLANNED ON A FISCAL YEAR BASIS, JULY 1 - JUNE 30. ALTHOUGH NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS IS LIMITED, A FEW QUALIFIED FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE REGISTERED OCCASIONALLY. SUCH APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A.B., B.S. OR EQUIVALENT IN CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY OR ONE OF THE BIOSCIENCES; BE EMPLOYED AS AN INSPECTOR BY HIS GOV'T.; HAVE HAD A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN INSPECTOR; GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH; AND ASSURANCE FROM HIS GOV'T. OF POSITION AS INSPECTOR ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING. REGISTRANT PROVIDES HIS OWN TRAVEL, SUBSISTENCE, AND INSURANCE. THERE ARE NO CHARGES FOR TUITION, INSTRUCTION, AND SUPPLIES.

3. SCHEDULING OF TRAINING COURSES FOR FY 75 WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY EARLY JUNE. THOSE BEING PLANNED ARE:

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A. BASIC COURSE FOR DRUG INSPECTORS (4 WEEKS). (FOR FOREIGN

NATIONALS, THIS IS FOLLOWED BY 4 WEEKS OF FIELD TRAINING WITH AN EXPERIENCED INSPECTOR)

B. PHARMACOLOGY FOR DRUG INSPECTORS (2 WEEKS)

C. ADVANCED COURSE FOR DRUG INSPECTORS - PARENTERAL SOLUTIONS (2 WEEKS)

D. BASIC COURSE FOR FOOD INSPECTORS (3 WEEKS)

E. ADVANCED COURSES FOR FOOD INSPECTORS: CANNING TECHNOLOGY (2 WEEKS);
FOOD BACTERIOLOGY (2 WEEKS)

THESE ARE GIVEN ON CONTRACT AT UNIVERSITIES HAVING OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL DEPARTMENTS.

4. IN ADDITION, THE FDA TRAINING FACILITY IN CINCINNATI OFFERS COURSES FOR STATE FOOD INSPECTORS. THESE RANGE FROM 2 - 10 DAYS AND INCLUDE:

A. CURRENT CONCEPTS IN FOOD PROTECTION

B. MILK PASTEURIZATION CONTROLS AND TESTS

C. LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

D. CURRENT CONCEPTS IN MILK PROCESSING

E. FOOD MICROBIOLOGY

5. FDA WILL ADVISE AS DATES ARE ESTABLISHED. KISSINGER

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